

PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ROOM – March 7, 2005
1:30 P. M.

PRESENT: Hons. Bob Young, Mayor; Williams, Chairman; Beard and Boyles, members; Fred Russell, Administrator; Mike Blanchard, IT Department; Dep. Chief Chris James, Fire Department; Terri Turner, Planning Commission; Geri Sams, Procurement Director; Lena Bonner, Clerk of Commission.

ABSENT: Hon. Sims, Co-Chairman.

Also Present: Hons. Grantham and Mays, Commissioners.

1. Approve Purchase of Services and Equipment for the upgrade of the existing Financial, Human Resources and Procurement Software.

Ms. Beard: I so move.

Mr. Boyles: I'll second that.

Motion adopted unanimously.

2. Consider a request from Empire Tree and Turf for a waiver and indemnity of Augusta Richmond County regarding the construction of a garage on property located at 2686 Gordon Highway.

Dep. Chief James: Normally we would deny them building this structure since there is no water nearby for fire suppression purposes. The owner is asking the commission to allow him to build the building anyway.

Mr. Mayor: I would suggest that if you desire to grant these exemptions that you amend the ordinance to provide for waivers that could be done administratively by the Chief. I don't think we have the legal authority to waive an ordinance.

Mr. Grantham: I think we have done this type of thing in the past

Ms. Turner: About 20 months ago the Fire Department disapproved a plan for James Newman for a construction office near this location. We have been contacted by his attorney and this project is still open. Mr. Patty was concerned about what kind of problems we may bring upon ourselves if we disapprove one and approve another.

After a discussion, Mr. Boyles: I'd like to make a motion that we deny this and ask the Administrator to get with the Utilities Department and check on the time schedule for running water and sewer lines in that area and let him report back to us.

Ms. Beard: Second.

Motion adopted unanimously.

3. Update/status report from Ambulance Service Committee regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP).

After a short discussion, Mr. Boyles: I move that we hold this in committee and discuss it at another time.

Ms. Beard: Second.

Motion adopted unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lena J. Bonner
Clerk of Commission

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